

Youth Initiative Program

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MEETING REMINDER

The Youth Initiative Program (YIP) will hold its next networking meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 5300 E. Paisano, El Paso Housing Authority, Assembly Room, Cortez Street entrance. Contact: YIP office at (915) 298-9600.



This month's scheduled speaker is Peggy R. Brown, Director of Army Community Service, who will talk about the needs of incoming Ft. Bliss families and how the community can assist in their transition here. All families incoming or troops deployed go through the Community Service Center. They will have challenges and opportunities due to the nature of relocation; we will have challenges and opportunities in outreaching to meet their specific needs, many of which will be identified through Ms. Brown. You are each needed! Please attend!



Have fun celebrating the 230th anniversary of our nation! Please take precautionary measures when you are in the vicinity of fireworks. Please remember that in the City of El Paso ALL fireworks are banned, and beginning this year all AERIAL fireworks are also banned in the County of El Paso. **"If it goes up in the air – it has been banned!"**



Kids and Cars: How To Prevent Tragedy

Never leave your car keys where children can get them.

Keep car doors and trunks locked at all times, even in the garage or driveway.

Teach children not to play in or around cars.

Never leave your child unattended in a car, even if the windows are down and a windshield shade is in place or even just to run a quick errand.

Make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination.

Don't overlook sleeping infants!

Make sure that the seat belt and seat surface are not too hot before buckling up your child.

When you and your children exit the car, place a windshield shade in front & back windows to help cut down on the heat.

Make sure that kids' arms, legs, fingers, and toes are safely inside before closing doors.

Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.

Contact your auto dealership about getting your vehicle retrofitted with a trunk release mechanism.

Be wary of child-resistant locks – make sure they function.

If your child does get locked inside a car, get him or her out as soon as possible. If you can't get him or her out yourself, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

Information adapted from Kids in Cars (www.kidsincars.org) and National Safe Kids Campaign (www.safekids.org)

****Remember your pets need shade and plenty of water! Don't leave pets in the vehicle even if the windows are cracked. Temperatures inside can be lethal within minutes even at 85 degrees outside.**

EPPD Safety Fair 2006 El Paso County Coliseum

Over 2,000 adults and children attended the annual event that focused on safety education. More than 150 child safety seats were furnished to families in need. EPPD certified technicians were on hand to install the seats on site.



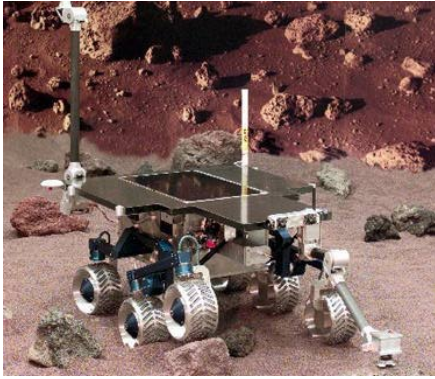
Youth received an honorary Jr. Officer sticker at the YIP table (Det. Liz Puga in the background).



Children enjoyed trying on fire and police dept. gear



Youth visited the various tables to get information on summer activities and to collect fun items such as rulers, pens, stickers, finger puppets, and activity books.



Summer Robotics Program

The program will be held from June 5 through July 28. Only 30 students can be accommodated, 5 of which will go under scholarship. The 5 students will be evaluated by the director of education. Applications for scholarships are available. Those who are interested can contact:

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Computer Labs
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El Paso, TX 79906
Ph. 915-591-8899
Cell 915-539-5532



Ft. Bliss Gives Free Breakfast and Lunch To Youth

Fort Bliss Child and Youth Services is offering free meals to children ages 1 through 18. Meals are offered for children through Aug. 11. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Main CYS, Building 1730 and Logan Heights CYS, Building 3500.

Main School Age Services, Building 195 and Logan Heights SAS, Building 3508 will serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and an afternoon snack from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Every Wednesday, beginning June 7, CYS will sponsor a free activity and lunch at Kelly Park. For more information: 569-5054.



Understanding the HHSC Puzzle

Having trouble understanding the new state agency services? Sign up for these series of workshops to unravel the mystery. Inquiries to gilda@elprc.org.

June 9 DARS – Blind and visually impaired services, rehab services, early intervention services, and deaf and hard of hearing services.

June 16 DADS – Long-term care services, aging services, the institution part of MR services.

June 23 DSHS – Medical & old TCADA-substance abuse, mental health services.

June 30 DFPS – Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Day Care licensing.

Objectives: Participants will ...

Recognize the structural changes in the consolidation of the Texas Health and Human Services System/HHSC.

Discern between clients' needs and eligibility criteria in order to refer to appropriate services.

Identify the most appropriate referral process for clients to HHSC services.

Continuing education credit: each workshop up to 0.3 SW CEU's, 3.0 LPC contact hours.

Registration will be limited on a first come – first served basis. Refunds require 72 hours notice. For more information call Gilda Lopez at 544-8484.

Tuition: \$20 per person per workshop or \$50 for all workshops.

Mail completed registration form and payment (check, money order or purchase order) to:

El Paso Rehabilitation Center
 Attn: Gilda Lopez
 1101 E. Schuster Ave.
 El Paso, TX. 79902

Register me for: June 9, 2006 /
 June 16, 2006 / June 23, 2006 /
 June 30, 2006 / All Sessions

Name _____
 Agency _____
 Phone _____
 Address / Zip _____
 I am: SW _____ LPC _____ Other _____



Gina Reyes, Communities in Schools, is the new MARS facilitator at El Dorado High school that includes the feeder schools. The meetings are the last Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. during school session: 937-3253 or greses08@sisd.net. Parents can call YIP for information and resource assistance during the summer: 298-9600.



The Walk/Health Fair will be held at the Eastwood/Album Recreation Center & Park on June 17, 2006. The walk starts @ 8 am, the Health Fair takes place @ 9 am – 12:30 pm. If you'd like to set up a booth or table, contact David Sanchez of the Child Crisis Center at 562-7955.



Congratulations to Ofc. Slade Davis of the NERCC who recently received recognition at City Council for his service to the community. The plaque was presented by city representative Melina Castro, District #4.



TexasLawHelp.org

Many Texans have civil (non-criminal) legal problems, but they cannot afford or find legal help. Legal problems that are handled incorrectly or ignored may get worse.

TexasLawHelp.org was designed specifically to help low-income Texans understand their legal rights and options in civil matters. Some common civil legal issues include:

- Protection from domestic violence
- Divorce
- Landlord-tenant issues
- Wills
- Debt collection
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Child Custody
- Disability issues

TexasLawHelp.org features free, reliable legal information that can get you started on the path to resolving your legal issues. Their website offers: Answers to Legal Questions, Legal Aid Directory, Other Assistance.

If you do not qualify for legal aid, and you cannot find the information you need at TexasLawHelp.org, there may be other options. Many court forms are available at your local courthouse or on the court's Web site. Help may be available at your county law library or through a local bar association. You can also contact the State Bar of Texas Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-252-9690 for more information about reduced-fee legal help.



Area agencies are sought for a community health fair on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at 702 E. Paisano, from 8:30am – 12:00 pm. The goal is to promote health and wellness by providing free screenings and educational materials to a medically underserved area. Contact: 543-4914

Summer Camps!

Whether children are interested in digging for fossils, building a Lego mansion, or learning sign language, it's time to look at summer camps and make plans. El Paso Museum of Art camps will be June 6-July 30. Family workshops are offered from 1 to 3 p.m. the second Sunday of every month. Preregistration is required. Contact: 532-1707 or www.elpasoartmuseum.org. Available classes: Art 2-D Too - Work of Art - Beyond the Basics drawing workshop - Clay Constructions - Colorful Compositions - Color Connections - Creative Sculpture Studio - Creative Writers Camp - Down & Dirty With Art - Drawing and Painting Basics - Get into Shape - Great Impressions - How'd They Do That? fundamentals of line, shape and form - Just Bead It - Kites and Kimonos: Japanese Inspirations - Me, Myself and I - Mix It Up, Modern Mosaics - Painting with the Masters - POP into Art, making a pop-up book - Puppets, Masks & More, Weaving Wonders - Wet & Wild – Zoorific



Come Join us at the 2nd Annual Rally On The River – June 25th

in Recognition of

“International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking”

Major sister cities along the U.S. – MX. border will be participating in this border-wide event with varying activities. There will be releasing of balloons in the colors of our respective countries along the river just east of the old La Hacienda restaurant. It is directly across from Tortuga Park on the Juarez side. This is planned as a community gathering/picnic. Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters from the three communities will also be participating. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch; refreshments will be provided. Groups or individuals who play a musical instrument are encouraged to come and share their talents. The gathering begins at 4 pm. For more information contact: (915) 775-2555.



Post Commander Glenn J. Scott presented Medical Lieutenant Devinus Parker, EPFD, with a plaque recognizing her as the American Legion Law Enforcement Post 74 EMT of the Year, 2006.

American Legion Law Enforcement Post 74 sponsored the JROTC rifle teams from Clint, Horizon, Riverside and Thomas Jefferson High Schools in the 2006 National American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program. Individual participants were awarded an American Legion Certificate of Participation and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place scorers from the combined schools in each of 2 categories of air rifle competition were awarded American Legion marksmanship medals. Additionally the precision air rifle team from TJHS was presented a trophy as the 3rd place team among all teams participating from Texas. This is an annual program of Post 74. For more information, contact John McKinney at: lwenfpst74@juno.com



Freddie Dowling is retiring after 25 years with the city of El Paso and a retirement luncheon will be held for her at the Lancer's Club on June 14th at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There is capacity for 50 - 60 people.

Anyone interested should RSVP by June 9th. Contact:

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EL PASO FEDERATION OF FAMILIES

**NOW AT 5304 EL PASO DRIVE,
79901, PHONE 771-7363**

The El Paso Federation of Families has moved, and they are in need of all types of office furniture and supplies. Please contact Angelique Martinez: anmartinez@epcounty.com. This is a non-profit organization collaborating with schools, communities, private and governmental agencies and other advocacy organizations to provide, advocate, and educate families with needed emotional and informational support about their rights and the array of accessible high quality, family centered services available.



The Child Abuse Awareness Coalition will be meeting on Monday, June 12, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1000 Montana Ave. at 9 a.m. The guest speakers are Rene Nueret of El Paso Community College, and Nell Tovar from the El Paso Police Department Youth Initiative Program. Representatives are invited to attend and share information on what your agency is doing in the region on behalf of combating child abuse. The coalition addresses parent and children awareness and effective outreach.

Contact: Angie Escarciga
CPS Community Initiatives Specialist
Region 10/El Paso
(915) 521-3875



Shinjimasu Academy of Martial Arts

Dedicated to the training of children and youths in the holistic study of the arts, the academy is located at 1188 N. Yarbrough. Contact: 856-6560.



The Sun Metro Summer Fun Pass is on sale for only \$10.00. The 2006 Summer Fun Pass campaign "Don't Walk - Ride" is designed especially for area youth from 6 to 18 years of age.

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